

WATER TRUST  
UNMASKEDBy President's Veto of a  
Water Privilege Bill

## SOME STARTLING FIGURES

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt is on the trail of a new octopus. In a message to Congress today vetoing the bill granting water privileges to William H. Standish to build a dam on the James river in Missouri he submits startling figures to illustrate the machinations of the "water trust." "The people of the country," he says "are threatened by a monopoly far more powerful than anything known to our experience. He charges that the General Electric company and the Westinghouse company already have cornered a quarter of the most valuable power sites in America, all told 1,825,000 horsepower. Each of their many sites dominates a territory of 150,000 square miles. In the course of his message President Roosevelt says:

"The representatives of the power companies present in Washington during the last session agreed upon the bill above mentioned as the most favorable to their interests. At their request frequent conferences were held between them and the representatives of the administration for the purpose of reaching an agreement if possible. The companies refused to accept anything less than a grant in perpetuity and insisted that the slight change now imposed by the Forest Service was oppressive. But they made no response to the specific proposal that the reasonableness of the charge be determined through an investigation of their business by the bureau of corporations."

NO TAFT GOLF FOR JOHN D.  
Latters Maximum is 9 Holes and For-  
mers' Minimum is  
Nineteen.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 15.—John D. Rockefeller is due to arrive in Augusta tomorrow; but the patrons of the Bon Air hotel who have been looking forward to a hot contest at golf between President-elect Taft and the oil trust magnate are disappointed. Mr. Rockefeller will be in Augusta for only a few days and will not play with any man who does not make the entire course. He is a golfer of purest ray serene, and in the prospect of starting from the first tee only to pay the caddy at the ninth hole he sighs wearily and quits.

The trouble arises chiefly from the fact that this great John D. has been represented as not having sufficient golf ambition to carry him around the entire eighteen holes of the Bon Air course. The gossip here is that at the ninth hole he sighs wearily and quits. Mr. Taft will not play with any man who does not make the entire course. He is a golfer of purest ray serene, and in the prospect of starting from the first tee only to pay the caddy at the ninth hole he sighs wearily and quits.

While this is the principal reason why the long-awaited game between Taft and Rockefeller is destined never to be played, there are some wise politicians here who say that, anyway, the president elect is not overanxious to be held up to the country as chasing around the links with the oil king.

This morning Judge Taft played a game in the rain, and he enjoyed it. This afternoon he will receive a delegation of 150 leading citizens of Anderson, S. C. They are all Democrats, but they want to pay their respects to the next president of the United States. Three street car loads of them are in town.

Mrs. Taft will leave this afternoon for Yale.

## A CHANCE TO HELP

The Barre City Hospital on Thursday,  
January 28.

The Hospital Aid society is planning its annual benefit for the Barre City hospital to be held on Thursday, January 28. It is the chance for the people of Barre—man, woman and child—to rally to the support of this good cause. Surely it has been demonstrated during the past two years that an institution such as this is needed in our midst. Considering all the difficulties and discouragements of maintenance and operation, it has been well conducted, too. And how shall the humanitarian work go on, unless as a people we rouse ourselves to the situation, and do the fair, not to say generous thing? May the special chance to help be matched by a special determination to help! Welcome the solicitor and send him (or her) not empty away. Money, or anything in the form of supplies, will be gratefully received. Even a good tidy sum for the endowment would not be refused.

## KILLED POLICEMAN.

Thief Shoots His Captor and Then Es-  
capes.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 15.—An unidentified man shot and killed Policeman La Smith at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning and made good his escape. The man had grabbed a necklace from a woman and in attempting to get away with it he ran into the arms of the policeman. Without hesitation, he drew a revolver and killed his captor, wounding him in the darkness before he could be pursued.

## TO TOUR THE WORLD.

Once Mighty Fighter, John L. Sullivan  
Starts Sunday Night.

Boston, Jan. 15.—John L. Sullivan leaves Sunday night on a tour of the world in connection with a theatrical enterprise. His first stop will be in Seattle, Wash.

DECLINES APPOINTMENT;  
TOO MUCH BUSINESSFred L. Davis Says He Cannot Serve  
as Commissioner of Agriculture  
Because He Hasn't The Time.

State House, Jan. 15.—Governor Proctor this morning received a letter from Fred L. Davis of North Pomfret thanking him for his appointment as commissioner of agriculture but tendering his resignation on the ground that he has too many matters requiring his attention to take up the work of the office.

## SUFFERED ACUTE MANIA.

Rev. Carmichael Declared to Have  
Been Insane.

Detroit, Jan. 15.—The brain of the Rev. John H. Carmichael, who killed Odoon Browning in the "Battle Run" church and committed suicide at Carthage, Ill., was examined by four physicians here last night. At the conclusion of the autopsy the physicians stated that they had found unmistakable evidence of insanity. The doctors who held the post mortem examination were County Physician William I. Stepleton, E. B. Smith, C. B. Ray and Arthur W. Kipp.

"We find that the Rev. Mr. Carmichael had been a sufferer from acute mania," said by physicians. "The blood vessels of the brain were all congested. It is evident that the Rev. Carmichael had suffered several attacks of acute inflammation of the brain."

ROJESTVENSKY DEAD  
AT ST. PETERSBURGFamous Russian Vice-Admiral Passed  
Away From Neuralgia of the  
Heart, Best Known For His De-  
feat in Sea of Japan.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—The death is announced of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, which occurred in St. Petersburg today at 10 o'clock.

## REV. SAMUEL LORD'S FUNERAL.

Norwich Man Served For 50 Years  
in The Ministry.

Norwich, Jan. 15.—The funeral of Rev. Samuel Lord was held in the vestry of the Congregational church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Lord was 88 years of age and made his home with Mrs. Bert Simmons at Post Mills. He was found dead in bed.

## BROUGHT TO VERMONT.

James McDonald Was Wanted For Al-  
leged Forgery.

White River Junction, Jan. 15.—James McDonald, who it is alleged, forged the name of Peter Tully to a check last July, obtaining the money from the National Bank of White River Junction, was found in a lumber camp Wednesday at Littleton, N. H., by Officer Hoar.

After some objection, he consented to return without requisition papers and is now lodged in Woodstock jail.

## HIGHER SALARIES FAVORED.

The Bill Reported by The Senate Com-  
mittee.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Senate committee on appropriations today voted to increase the salary of the president to \$100,000; vice-president to \$50,000; chief justice of the supreme court, \$18,000; other supreme court justices \$17,000; chief federal court judges, \$10,000. These increases will undoubtedly pass both the Senate and the House.

## 50 BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE.

The Company Says Victims Number  
Fifty-nine.

Bluefield, Va., Jan. 15.—Fifty bodies had been taken this afternoon from Lick Branch mine at Switchback, W. Va., where a fatal explosion occurred Tuesday. An official statement issued late last night by the colliery company estimates the total number of dead at fifty-seven, and says the number will not exceed fifty-nine. The remainder of the bodies will be taken out today.

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

Buy your fruit where you get  
the most for your money. "Tony" Gi-  
acchino at the Vermont Fruit Store has  
the largest assortment. Prices cheap.

Mrs. Russell Brown, who has been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. C. Page, for the past two weeks returned today to her home in Lancaster, N. H.

Frank L. Fish, former national bank examiner and at present the city representative from Vergennes in the legislature, is expected to address the members of Vincita club at their "smoke talk" this evening.

J. A. Bond, the flute and piccolo player, who assisted Gilbertson's orchestra at the hospital benefit ball last night, will be given to aid the hospital January 28.

## Notice to Public.

This is to give notice to the public that I will pay no more bills of my wife, Mrs. Blanche Gravel, contracting after this date, January 15, 1909.

V. C. Gravel, East Barre.

AGAIN DENY  
OFFSET BILLHouse Stood 129 to 87 Against  
It To-day

## ON MOTION TO RECONSIDER

This Was in Spite of an Urgent Appeal  
on the Part of Mr. DeBoer of  
Montpelier—Rutland Char-  
ter Up.

State House, Jan. 15.—It was nearly half past 11 this morning when the bill calling for the abolishment of offsets was called up in the House as a special order. Mr. DeBoer of Montpelier made one more urgent appeal upon the House for a reconsideration of its vote last month, killing the bill. He said that last evening he had intended to attempt to get the bill amended by the bill establishing a flat rate on intangibles, but since then he was satisfied that the sentiment of the House was not such as to make it profitable and so he would simply ask for a reconsideration of the vote killing the bill, so that it might be taken up later if necessary when the tax commission bill was discussed.

After his speech, several opposed the idea of reconsideration further and on the vote the yeas and nays were demanded. The reconsideration was killed 129 to 87. The only other business in the House this morning was the passage of the Rutland city charter bill along the lines of the recommendations of the majority report.

Mr. DeBoer spoke earnestly on the question of a discussion of the three great measures together on the floor of the House. He said the question of the tax commission was simply an administrative measure and what the state needed was actual, positive and radical reform. He said the abolishment of offsets was fundamental. Then it was necessary to bring into the list the intangible which either escaped taxation or was assessed at confiscatory rates in the towns where located. He said the present governor favored the abolishment of offsets, the past governor found no objection to them, the special commission that studied the question favored it, and the House committee on taxation was unanimous for it and have stood on that ground from the first.

Mr. Martin of Essex was opposed to a further discussion of the offset bill. He said that the members would be there eternally if the reconsideration business was kept up. Mr. Bacon of Hartford did not believe the House should again go into any discussion of the question. He believed what the people wanted was a strong interpretation and enforcement of the present laws. Mr. Jones of Sudbury believed that it was known now how the House stood on the question and he believed they did not need any special legislation, but reasonable legislation. Mr. Hart of Duxbury wanted the bill dismissed, but was informed by the speaker that that motion was not in order. Mr. Davis of Springfield wanted the measures taken up for discussion again. Then the vote was taken. This ended the offset question for this session of the legislature.

## The Rutland City Charter.

The bill H. 536 came in with a minority and majority committee report. Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury said the charter was a very radical one in certain respects and he was in favor of a referendum to the people of Rutland. He said that two years ago a charter was granted similar to this one, which had been refused.

Mr. Kinney of Rutland City defended his bill in an able manner and said that it had been printed in the newspapers and the people knew what it was. It was asked by the best people in Rutland. The petitions against it he found were made up in the saloons. He pointed out the principal changes which the charter called for, and that was the election of the aldermen at large instead of by wards. Mr. Kinney said there were 11 aldermen and that six of them controlled the expenditure of the money for the benefit of favored wards, while the others suffered. The object of the change was to wrest the control from the element in the wards and give it to the people. Mr. Kinney received support from Cook of Danby, Fletcher of Cavendish, Boyce of Proctor, and Bacon of Hartford. The bill was passed almost unanimously.

Mr. Barber of Brattleboro yesterday afternoon got his public service commission bill through the House by a vote of 179 to 59. It was amended by Mr. Boyce of Waterbury so as not to restrain, in its operation, competition and not to limit the number of companies doing business in one place. To this amendment Mr. Barber agreed. It was amended by Mr. Leary of Burlington making the salary of the chairman \$2,300, instead of \$3,000, and the other commissioners \$1,700 instead of \$2,500. It was amended by Mr. Barber so as to take effect April 1, this year.

When the bill was first taken up for discussion, Mr. Boyce offered his amendment, which he stated had been shown to some of the best legal talent available and was pronounced to be sound as far as covering the point he desired, and many others, was concerned. Mr. Barber stated that he has spent some time in considering the amendment and had decided that he was willing to allow it in the bill. Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury was not satisfied with the wording of the amendment, as he wanted to make sure it applied to telephone companies as well as electric light concerns. Mr. Boyce changed the wording so that there could be no doubt and Mr. Howe said that he would say nothing further against the bill, as he believed that the amendment obviated much that was undesirable in the measure.

The amendment adds a new section to

the bill, as follows: Section 23. Nothing in this act or previous statutes, shall be construed as giving the public service commission power to prevent or restrict competition, or limit the number of persons, or companies, who may engage in the business of furnishing light, heat, power or any other business subject to supervision under the provisions of this act in any town."

Mr. Leary was not exactly satisfied with the effect of the amendment, but he said that in case of a dispute or some other business subject to supervision under the provisions of this act in any town."

Then the discussion arose about the salaries of the commissioners. Mr. Leary said that according to his amendment mentioned above he was raising the salaries \$500, and he didn't believe it would pay to raise them any more until it was found how much the commissioners would have to do. He said the expenses of the railroad commission were now \$3,500 a year, and he believed to raise them right up to \$8,000 was too much.

Mr. Barber thought that the salaries mentioned in the bill were none too high for the amount of work the commission would have to do, and Mr. Williams of Newport was of the same opinion. He said the expenses of the railroad commission under the present salary basis in the past two years had decreased over the previous biennial term, and he thought that in order to keep the kind of men now on the board it would be necessary to pay them for the large amount of increased work by reason of the passage of this measure. A vote was taken and 114 favored the amendment and 89 opposed it.

Mr. Daniel of Montpelier tried to get another amendment to the bill striking out the words giving the commission telephone lines. He thought the tendency of the bill was to create a hardship on the independent companies. This amendment was killed after Mr. Watson of St. Albans had favored the bill as it was.

Mr. O'Brien of Montpelier had been stated by an honest man on the floor of the House that it was an honest measure and that member had invited the members to point out the weak points. They had done so and he hoped the bill would pass. An amendment by Mr. Martin of Brookline, making the approval of the charter by the attorney general instead of the governor, was killed. Mr. DeBoer demanded the yeas and nays on the question and Mr. Ballou of Chester moved the previous question. The result was as stated above.

## Senate Passes State Fair Bill.

In the Senate the bill appropriating  
\$10,000 to the state fair for the next  
two years passed 18 to 8, after a short  
debate. The question was taken up as  
a special order. The senators voting  
against the bill were Senators Bliss, Gib-  
son, Green, Howe, Hubbard, Hurler,  
Thayer and Wright. This was Mr. Bacon's bill and has already passed the House.

## Minor Taxation Bills Killed.

At one fell swoop yesterday afternoon  
the House killed seventeen taxation  
measures and then left the big discus-  
sion to this morning. The bills killed  
are as follows:

H. 100, providing for the publicity of inventories and enlarging the powers of the listers.

H. 102, relating to grand list.

H. 103, relating to taxation of shares of stock in foreign corporations.

H. 144, relating to the taxation of timber lands, wood and timber.

H. 229, to equalize taxation and to create the office of commissioner of appraisal.

H. 300, relating to tax inventories.

H. 310, authorizing listers to examine witnesses in matters pertaining to making the grand list.

H. 316, relating to taxation.

H. 327, relating to exemptions from taxation.

H. 335, relating to exemptions from taxation.

H. 371, relating to taxation of mortgages on real estate in this state.

H. 384, relating to the taxation of mortgages.

H. 386, relating to taxation of engines and boilers and providing for the taxation of electrical machinery.

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A disagreement of the jurors was what Hains had feared, as he stated his belief when they retired yesterday afternoon that he did not think he would be convicted. In fact, he hoped for acquittal although there might be a disagreement. His attorney had thanked Judge Crane for the fairness of the charge to the jury.

## GODDARD SEMINARY.

An Unusually Large Number of New  
Students Enrolled This Term.

The number of new students at Goddard this term is unusually large. The following schools are represented among those who have entered this winter: Montpelier seminary, St. Johnsbury academy, Hartford academy, Bradford academy, Tilton seminary, N. H. Gilman academy, N. H. Cotuit high school, Mass. With one exception, they all enter for two years or more.

The students are very busy in recreation hours with work in physical training. The boys' basketball team, composed of 21, they practice four afternoons each week. The material is excellent and a team ought to be developed equal to last year's championship team, which played 17 games without a defeat. The first game of the term is with the A. C. in the new street gymnasium next Monday night.

The rest of the boys have formed a gymnasium class which meets twice a week. The plan is to give exhibition work and have an indoor meet at the close of the term.

The girls' basketball squad numbers 22. Practice is held twice a week. The changes made in the rules last fall did away with the roughness of last year's game. The game is fast, baskets from the floor are frequent, and fouls are few. A good team ought to be developed from the fine material. The other girls in school have formed a class in physical culture which meets twice a week in the upper hall. A large skating rink 175 feet by 40 feet is furnishing much enjoyment, and is quite generally used by students and teachers.

## THEIR HOMES DESTROYED.

Five Westerville Men Get Sad News  
Regio, Italy.

A letter which was received in Westerville yesterday brought news which gave a shock to at least five residents of that village. The letter was from Reggio in the heart of that region of Italy devastated by the recent earthquake, and stated that the homes of M. Nicodemo, Francesco Arvario, Giulio Arvario, Lauro Franceschini and N. Polici, all of Westerville, had been destroyed by the earthquake. All these men had wives and children in Reggio but it is not thought from the letter that any of them were killed, as it reads that they are destitute and have sought refuge in the woods.

Immediately upon receiving the letter, the first word which they have had from their relatives since the disaster, all five men came to this city and made arrangements for passage to Italy. They will go and attempt to find their families and bring them to Westerville where they are employed in the quarries.

They tried to get tickets to Messina but were unable to do so and will go to Naples and then to Messina. They have tonight for Boston and will take passage tomorrow for Italy, hoping to arrive in time to reach their families.

## HAPPY ROBBER HOBBOR.

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The lodging apartments of the local police station are giving the much vaunted Berlin-side sleeping quarters for tramps at Montpelier a close run for honors the past few days. No less than four specimens of the genus homo, or rather homo, enjoyed the hospitality of the enrolling bars of the cage last night. The "Condemned" who were dined in several weeks ago, has become a fixture and as such has ceased to be classed with the transient.

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## TALK OF THE TOWN.

Miss Jessie Merchant of St. Albans  
is visiting relatives in this city.

L. A. Estabrook of West Lebanon, N. H., was in the city today on a business visit.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Rossi of 97 Pleasant street.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Gusto Aspesia of 45 Granite street.

N. B. Ballard has placed a new sign at the front of his office in the Miles granite building.

Robert Martin, who has been working in George Marston's cigar store returned today to his home in Boston.

P. J. O'Brien of Seattle, Wash., arrived in town today to visit his sister, Mrs. F. L. Clark, of Beckley hill for a time.

Don't fail to read the Union Clothing Co.'s great offer of clothing at greatly reduced prices, on page 2 of to-day's Times.

Past game of basketball between Burlington high and Spaulding high in Church street gymnasium, Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

C. D. Burbank went to Hanover, N. H. yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. L. J. Carroll went to Swanton today to visit relatives.

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Miss Allen Gladding returned to Holyoke, Mass., today after a few weeks' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur C. Tilden.

Do not fail to read the ad. of S. J. Segel and company on page 6. It will tell you how to save money at this year's clearance sale.

Special for Friday and Saturday at the New England Fruit Store. Fresh Valeno chocolates, 18 cents a pound. They are delicious and worth double the price.

New handmade neckwear just received at the "Ladies' Specialty Shoppe." Also new spring samples of waist and suit materials suitable for braiding and embroidery.

There will be a meeting of the general committee of the A. O. U. M. next Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Hibernian club rooms, Quinlan block. Per order chairman.

Dr. E. B. Whitaker of this city has been re-elected treasurer of the Vermont State Medical board which has been holding its annual meeting in Montpelier.

The D. A. Perry real estate agency has sold for Miss M. J. Drury of Williamstown her stationery and novelty Westpelam, Mrs. Fellows has taken possession.

Burlington high school versus Spaulding high school in Church street gymnasium, Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Burlington has a basketball team and one of the best basketball games of the season is expected.

The officers of Court Granite City, Foresters of America, were installed at a regular meeting which was held last evening. The ceremony was performed by deputy chief ranger, Alex. Stevens, assisted by George Stewart.

S. J. Segel and company start their semi-annual clearance sale on Saturday, Jan. 16. This will be the sale of all sales. Do not fail to investigate. Remember the place in the Scamplin block, opposite Granite street.

The Barre Literary Debating association will meet in the Wheelock hall tonight at 7:30; business of importance will come before the members, and all are requested to attend. There will also be a paper on "Finalist Difficulty."

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis yesterday were A. E. Klotter, Albany, N. Y.; F. J. Dragoon, Plattsburg, N. Y.; John Andrews, James Green, Burlington; W. L. Bowser, Boston; J. E. Burke, West Rutland; J. M. Dana, Burlington.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of St. Monica's church was held Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. A. H. Burko; vice-president, Mrs. H. Laviolette; secretary, Mrs. Hubert Goss; treasurer, Miss May Oram.

Owing to the repeated demand for the publication of Rev. F. A. Poole's recent sermon, "Are We to Believe in an Everlasting Hell?" the Ladies' Aid society of the church has made arrangements for the printing of the same in pamphlet form, and it will be on sale at an early date.

The annual election of the officers of the Sunday school of the Universalist church was held last evening and the following officers were chosen: Clerk, C. E. Hanson superintendent, Allard G. Fay; assistant, Dr. F. M. Lynde; secretary, Mrs. Edwin Williams; treasurer, Miss Alice Blanchard; pianist, Mrs. O. K. Hollister.

Willis Henry, who resides on the West Hill, was tendered a birthday surprise party last night on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, there being fifty couples present. There was dancing by all and also clog dancing by Andrew Minnie of this city and William Bennett of Granville, assisted by Morris Spencer; also singing by "Prof." Jenkins. Mr. Henry was presented an easy-chair, the speech of presentation being made by R. J. Fitzpatrick.

Four good pictures and a popular song make up to-day's entertainment at the Bijou theatre.